



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Marquette County

### ***County characteristics***

- 455 sq. mi.
- Lands: Woodlands, wetlands, and farmlands interspersed with small lakes, impounded rivers, and cold water streams
- Waters: 61 lakes and 79 miles of trout water
- Trends: Many nonresidents own shoreline and use the larger lakes
- 5,832 residents live in Marquette County



### ***State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing***

- 11,116 acres of state land
- Over 10,000 acres open to hunting

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_land\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html)

### ***Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you***

- 3 Wildlife staff
- 2 Fisheries staff
- 1 Conservation Warden
- **Montello office:** 120 N. Pearl St.
- **Berlin office:** 363 Church St. (Hwy. 22N)
- Staff also serves portions of Green Lake & Waushara Counties.

### ***Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars***

- Restore and manage wetland habitat for ducks and other wildlife species on three large wildlife areas.
- Restore and maintain prairie and savanna habitat for turkeys, nesting birds and other wildlife.
- Control exotic, invasive species from degrading native wildlife habitat.
- Maintain 90 parking lots and 8 miles of roads for hunting, fishing, and trapping access to state fish and wildlife areas.
- Post boundaries to define lands open to public use.
- Maintain a 300-acre, waterfowl refuge at Germania Wildlife Area to attract ducks and Canada geese for fall hunting.
- Local Warden finds game violations such as illegally hunting over bait, shining & shooting deer at night, shooting turkeys with borrowed tags, and over-bagging pan fish.

*Activities continued...*



- Local warden facilitates hunting, trapping and fishing, youth education programs and events.
- Perform population surveys to monitor local wildlife populations such as deer and ducks.
- Fish population surveys and monitoring
- Fish stocking
- Fish habitat protection and improvement in warm water and cold water streams
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

### ***Marquette County Conservation Snapshots***

- 4** State-operated Boat Access Sites
- 10** ALIS-License Agents Supported
- 50-60** Hot-line Complaints Annually
- 7** Seven Deer & Turkey Registration Stations
  - Trout Streams Have Abundant Public Access

### ***Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary***

- Over 14,000 yearling and fingerling brown trout have been stocked in numerous trout streams in the county to enhance or re-establish current populations.
- Fish and pheasant stocking has been dramatically reduced due to past budget constraints.



### ***County Success Stories***

- The restoration of the wild turkey and the ongoing work of DNR and local conservation organizations to restore and maintain turkey habitat have brought a wonderful new resource to the county.
- The removal of the "Grand River Lock" dam has re-opened 25 miles of the Fox River to fish passage and unobstructed navigation along with fish habitat improvement at the old dam site.

### ***Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities***

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management